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In re Application of: Star *et al.*

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Application No. 09/881,446

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For: RAPID FLUORESCENT LABELING OF
TISSUE FOR MICRODISSECTION USING
FLUORESCENT SPECIFIC BINDING AGENTS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action, dated April 16, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before July 16, 2003. A one-month extension of time is requested, and the appropriate fee accompanies this filing, making a response due on or before August 16, 2003. Because that date is a Saturday, a response filed no later than Monday, August 18, 2003, is timely.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the claims as set forth in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.

The **Conclusion** of this Amendment begins on page 15.

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